

You are referring to the phrase on lines 15 and 16, that all political power originates in the people?

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Yes.

My question was, could I amend the first section of the Declaration of Rights. I was not relating this to the preamble. I was relating it to the first section of the Bill of Rights.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you wish to remove that clause from the preamble?

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Not necessarily so.

THE CHAIRMAN: Then if you desire only to have it added to the Declaration of Rights, have the page get Mr. Benson for you, and he will prepare the amendment. Will you please do so now, so the amendment could be prepared quickly for you?

Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment which I think will do just that which is coming up on Article I.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will you let Delegate Lloyd Taylor see it.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I do not have it. It is a new section 1, that is, an addition. My amendment is to retain Article I of the present Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does your amendment go to page 2?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Has it been printed, do you know?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I have not yet received a returned copy of it, no.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair has no copy of such an amendment.

Reading clerk, do you have one?

READING CLERK: No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest that you have a page check with Mr. Benson, because there are none here.

Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President and delegates of the Convention: for the benefit of Delegates Miller and Taylor I might state that, as the President pointed out, our preamble recognizes the fact that all power emanates from the people, and

also in our Recommendation R&P-2, section 2, which is the 10th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, it recognizes that power is reserved to the people, and such power is not granted to the federal government in the Constitution, nor prohibited by that document to the states; and it is reserved to the state and the people respectively. With those two things in mind, I think they will probably not want to insert further amendments.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Are there any amendments to section 1?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hears none.

Section 2.

Delegate Bennett, do you still desire to offer your amendment?

DELEGATE BENNETT: I do, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will distribute Amendment I.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation R&P-1, by Delegate Bennett:

On page 2 section 2, Freedom of Religion, in lines 21 and 22 strike out the following words: “, nor prohibiting the free exercise thereof”.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is submitted by Delegate Bennett. Is there a second.

*(Whereupon, the amendment was seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Bennett to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, may I come forward to the rostrum a moment?

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry. Would you say that again?

DELEGATE BENNETT: May I come forward to the rostrum?

THE CHAIRMAN: We have not been permitting that on the amendments, Delegate Bennett. Is there a special reason for it?

DELEGATE BENNETT: No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.